



## A Joint-Agency FASTC Construction Newsletter

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The U.S. Department of State Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) will establish a hard skills training center in Nottoway County, Virginia. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide routine updates during our construction phases until FASTC is completed. These issues are available through our project website at [www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/](http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc/)

## Master Construction Schedule

FASTC construction is being completed through three phases. Overall, the project is progressing on schedule.

### 2015 – Feb 2017 – Phase 1 (Design Package 1)

2/25/16 – Contractors began construction activities

4/14/16 – Completion of all tree clearing

7/29/16 – Early site work (clearing/grading/grinding) completed

7/29/16 – Foundations for Tactical Maze, Rappel Tower, Live Fire Shoot House and Explosive Demonstration Range completed

8/4/16 – Start structural steel installation on the Tactical Maze

8/31/16 – Foundations for Mock Urban Tactical Training completed

### 2016 – Aug 2018 – Phase 2 (Design Packages 2 & 3)

2/29/16 – Phase 2 Solicitation published

5/10/16 – Bids received for Phase 2 construction

8/25/16 – Award Contract for Phase 2 construction

### 2017 – Feb 2019 – Phase 3 (Design Packages 4 & 5)

March 2019 – Estimated substantial completion

## Phase 1 Construction Updates

FASTC Construction Phase 1 includes the following six FASTC hard-skills training venues:

- Mock Urban Tactical Training Area
- Tactical Maze
- Rappel Tower
- Explosives Demonstration Range
- Live Fire Shoot House
- Smoke House

FASTC Construction Phase 1 contractors made progress during the hot summer months on various site work activities. These include finished up leveling the ground—or grading—at locations where structures are being built; excavating areas designated for placing concrete footers along the buildings' perimeter walls; installing electrical conduits and reinforcement steel bars; erecting concrete masonry unit (CMU) structure and structural steel and pouring concrete pads. In addition, contractors have made significant progress with various underground site work, such as installing sanitary/sewer pipes, storm water pipes and communication duct banks; and then pouring backfill soil over all of them. At this time, 25% of construction for Phase 1 has been completed.



#### Photo captions:

Both Photos Above and Left: Mock Urban Tactical Training Area  
Below: Tactical Maze



## Phase 1 Small Businesses

FASTC Construction Phase 1 is being completed by Hensel Phelps of Chantilly, VA. To date, Hensel Phelps has incorporated 68.51% of small businesses for sub-contracting services. This is well above the government's sub-contracting goal of using 35% of small businesses for this project.